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Response to Species Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In response to the Species Restriction Requirement dated March 4, 2003, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Species I, as embodied in Figures 1, 2, 3a, 3b, 4, 5, and 6, including claims 2-4, 6-9 and 19, in conjunction with claim 1 which is generic to Species I, II and III. This election is made with traverse. If a claim which is generic to all species should be allowed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to allow all claims which depend therefrom.

Applicant hereby reserves the right to file a divisional application in connection with unelected claims 5, 10-18 and 20, representing Species IV and V.

With regard to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant respectfully submits that the subject matter of all claims 1-20 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the search and the examination of

the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP § 803, in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of the entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits" (emphasis added). Applicant respectfully submits that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Should the Examiner require or request anything further from Applicant prior to examination, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below. Otherwise, Applicant requests early and favorable examination on the merits.



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